

Third Sunday of Easter, Native American Ministries Sunday

April 15, 2018 11:00 am

"God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms" (arr. Rasley) Sandy Griese

*Call to Worship

L: Rise up, Nations of God,

P: Give God your praise!

L: Rise up, Clans of Nations,

P: Come together and give God your praise!

L: Rise up, Bands of Nations,

P: Life your hands and give God your Praise!

***Opening Hymn** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" **UMH 57**

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

O Great Spirit, whose breath gives life to the world, And whose voice is heard in the soft breeze: We need your strength and wisdom. Cause us to walk in beauty. Give us eyes ever to behold the red and purple sunset. Make us wise so that we may understand what you have taught us. Help us learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and steady eyes, So when life fades, like the fading sunset, our spirits may come to you without shame. Amen. (Native American UMH, #329)

Children's Message

Hymn Response "On Eagles Wings" **UMH 143**

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy One, The circle of love is broken whenever we cannot see eye to eye, whenever we cannot link hand to hand, whenever we cannot live heart to heart and affirm our differences. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us. Through God's grace we are forgiven, by the mercy of our Creator, through the love of the Christ, and in the power of the Spirit. Amen. (Native American)

Words of Assurance (1 John 3:16)

Though we are sinners we know love because Jesus laid down his life for us and we respond by loving our brothers and sisters.

**Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7 We are the children of God Jay Lounsbury

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:36-48 The risen Christ opens their minds to the scriptures

***Hymn of Faith** "In the Garden" **UMH 314**

Message "To Know Love Is to Know God" Rev. Oden Warman

The Gospel lesson asks us to see and believe and to have hope in the face of death. For God is greater than death, bringing forgiveness of sins and newness of life to those who believe. There is a saying among the Blackfoot tribe of native Americans that "Life is not separate from death. It only looks that way." We continue to explore the mystery of the resurrection.

Giving in Response to God's Love

Offertory Sandy Griese

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **UMH 94**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

***Closing Hymn** "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" **UMH 306**

Sending Forth with God's Blessing

***Hymn Response** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" **UMH 557**

Postlude "Thine is the Glory" (arr. Gaspard) Sandy Griese

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*The flowers on the altar today are given by Chrys & Harry Hill
in celebration of their 36th wedding anniversary*

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Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Acts 4:5-12

Psalms 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Jennifer Greiner's sister-in-law Melissa (suffering from cancer) and her family, Connor Goonan, Tim Gillikin – recovering from a fall, Linda Vann, Jane Bowman, Helen McGill, Elizabeth Stinson, Bob & Van King, Tyler Madden, People in transition, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr, Those who travel, For the healing of the nation.

Our Presence: Worship Attendance Last Sunday 159
 Average Weekly Worship Attendance 207

Our Gifts: Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. *Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!*

Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)

	January-February 2018					
	Actual		Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %	
General Fund	\$56,842		\$61,222	(\$4,380)	-7%	
Missions Fund	\$2,437		\$3,294	(\$857)	-26%	
P&I Fund	\$4,031		\$2,661	\$1,370	51%	
Building Fund	\$9,748		\$9,603	\$145	2%	
Kitchen Fund	\$4,155		\$1,665	\$2,490	150%	
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal	25	Other	0	YTD Cereal	414

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$119,726/ Mortgage Loan Balance = \$332,500 as of February 28, 2018

Our Service:

Ministers	All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
Secretary	Bonnie Dean bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org
Music Team	Sandy Melson Griese, Holly Reynolds Lee, Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley
Children & Youth Ministry Coord.	Courtney Eversfield, cymc@friendshipmethodist.org
Custodian	Jim Fowler
Counters	Joyce Terry & Judy McGowan
Altar Guild for April	Kitty Beck Wilson (410-257-6519)
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Our Mission: "Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends. Love All; Serve All; Follow One!"

Our Motto: "Each One, Reach One!"